



Mr. Duncan Smith, TD
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

18th March 2021

PQ 11202/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in each grade under each separate subdivision in CHO 9 dealing with speech and language on a full-time basis; the number of vacant posts; the number of reallocated posts in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
– *Duncan Smith*

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position with regards to Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) in Community Healthcare Organisation – Dublin North City and County.

Dublin North Central

No. of Staff & Grade	No. of Vacant Posts	No. of Re-allocated Posts
Primary Care: 9.5 Senior 7 Staff grades	1 Staff grade in Primary Care which will be filled on 22 nd March	No SLTs have been redeployed since October 2020.
Social Care: 1 Senior, 2 Staff grades	0.5 vacant Senior in Social Care which will be filled on 15 th March	

Dublin North West

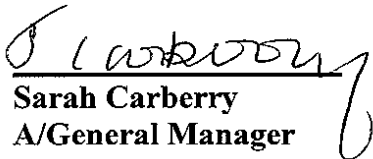
No. of Staff & Grade	No. of Vacant Posts	No. of Re-allocated Posts
Primary Care: 7.3 Seniors and 17 Staff grade SLTs	3 Staff grade posts going through National Recruitment Service process, 1 Senior Maternity Leave (agency cover)	No SLTs have been redeployed since October 2020.
Social Care: 3 Seniors and 2 Staff grade SLTs	No vacancies	

Dublin North

No. of Staff & Grade	No. of Vacant Posts	No. of Re-allocated Posts
Primary Care: 10.45 Senior SLT 18.50 SLT (Staff grade)	9.5 vacant posts (2 Maternity Leave). The 7.5 permanent vacancies are going through HSE recruitment. In the interim, 4.4 posts filled by agency staff. A further 2 posts have been approved for agency cover and are awaiting start dates.	No SLTs have been redeployed since October 2020.
Social Care: 3 Senior SLT & 1 SLT (staff grade) 2 Agency SLTs (AON waiting list initiative)	No vacancies	

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


Sarah Carberry
A/General Manager